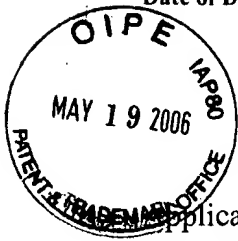


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Petition for Five Months Extension of Time (1 pg.);
2. Communication (1 pg.);
3. Check No. 22513 in the amount of \$2,160.00; and
4. Return Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311 Ref. No. 23239-301B. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed herewith.

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